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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in most other areas ranged unchanged to lower. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, at times good and was best where winter weather and features were factors. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were ample for the light demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the slow to fair demand.

**Effective January 2, 2002, the Prices to Retailers series covering cartoned eggs delivered into retailers' warehouses or directly to the retail outlet will be adjusted to reflect changes in pricing terms. Previously unidentified changes in some pricing terms were found during a review of current data collection and price reporting procedures. Market News will continue to monitor this egg price series and change prices as dictated by pricing procedures used by the egg industry. The prices reported do not reflect marketing allowances. As adjustments are made in individual reports comprising the Prices to Retailers series, the applicable report will include prices both with and without the adjustments on the day the adjustments are made. All affected reports will be adjusted by January 7.**

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with some caution noted. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, slightly better where features and winter weather were a factor. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were ample for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

**MIDWEST** Dual prices as changes in pricing effective today. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best into features. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Central states nest run breaking stock prices unchanged. Demand for spot loads of heavy nest runs was light with offerings from outside sources ample. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample with schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Best movement for scattered features. Offerings generally adequate to fully adequate on the larger sizes, mediums adequate to instances barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Dual prices as changes in pricing terms are effective as of today. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to instances good and was best where features were in progress for this week. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were ample for irregular schedules. Demand for additional product was light and unaggressive. Light type hens were at least adequate for the slow to fair demand.

**WESTERN** Prices 1 cent lower on extra large and large in California, unchanged otherwise. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand fair overall. Offerings easily adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to occasionally good, best where promotions were in place and also where wintery weekend weather was a factor. Supplies were in a range of barely adequate for mediums to fully adequate for larger sizes.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS**

PER DOZEN.	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	101-103	93-95	69-71
New York	65-69	63-67	50-54
Philadelphia	63-67	62-65	49-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	53-56	51-54	40-43
Jackson (1)	57.75-59.75	56.75-58.75	44.75-46.75
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	47-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-58	52-56	42-46
Detroit (2)	50-55	49-54	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-56	51-54	40-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	52-58	41-46
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	55-58
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	77
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate overall. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 57. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	96	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	93	EXTRA LARGE	229-249
LARGE	87	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	77	MEDIUM	179-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	229-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 11, 2002 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 04, 2002 were 296,326 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	257,739	38,587	296,326

% change from the prior week.....	-15	+25	-11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run mostly values were unchanged. Demand for spot loads of heavy nest runs was light with offerings from outside sources ample. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample with schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-29	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-14	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 07-JAN-02	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-9	9.23

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing. The market tone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JAN-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.62
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT**-AM January 07, 2001  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	20.0	8.7	9.5	15.8	61.5
	Change	1.5	5.2	2.8	-1.8	1.2	17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.3	42.2	11.2	17.6	25.9	122.2
	Change	1.1	1.7	-1.1	-7.4	-1.1	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	32.9	111.1	62.4	57.7	82.4	346.5
	Change	-1.8	9.1	-12.7	-45.4	-5.2	-14%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	33.1	19.8	17.9	20.7	103.5
	Change	1.6	3.9	2.2	-5.8	0.0	2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	10.6	3.9	7.4	4.8	30.0
	Change	0.0	-0.2	-1.4	1.9	1.0	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	27.9	7.0	13.8	6.6	57.8
	Change	-1.7	4.0	0.4	4.1	-0.7	12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.8	74.4	39.5	21.9	30.8	188.4
	Change	11.1	18.6	3.5	-10.1	5.4	18%
Total	Curr Wk	105.3	319.3	152.5	145.8	187.0	909.9
Percent	Change	13%	15%	-4%	-31%	0%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	909.9	-2%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	317.2	5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,227.1	0%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 24, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 4, 2002

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	20.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	25.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	46.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W XL	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	—	48.00	39.00	41.00	43.00	—	—	16.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR BR XL	55.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	41.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	51.00	47.00	—	—	5.75	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	1.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	47.00	43.00	—	—	7.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.50	GL W MD	36.00	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	24.00	26.00	24.63	27.25	4.75		NRBS - 36	22.00	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	2.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	1.00												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/31/01-01/04/02

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	72.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	90.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	163.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W XL	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GNR W 1	39.00	42.00	39.50	41.50	38.00	35.80	59.50		GNR W 1	—	41.50	—	—	—	—	9.50			
GNR W 2	—	36.75	—	—	30.11	28.50	6.50		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50			
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	21.75	24.88	8.00		GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	21.00	22.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	1.50			
GNR BR XL	55.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	52.00	—	—	—	53.12	9.25			
GNR BR 1	—	—	50.50	52.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	44.00	51.50	—	—	—	51.18	8.25			
GNR BR 4	—	—	21.50	23.00	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	36.00	40.00	38.50	—	—	43.20	7.00			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.33	—	1.50		GL W SM	—	26.00	—	27.00	—	—	2.50			
GL W XL	—	48.82	49.00	51.30	44.01	—	36.00		NRBS - 42	18.00	25.25	—	—	—	—	3.00			
GL W LG	—	48.33	35.00	46.80	43.14	—	25.00		NRBS - 36	22.00	23.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W MD	—	41.54	34.67	36.67	34.50	38.67	15.50												
GL W SM	—	—	24.25	25.88	22.50	—	6.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	23.50	25.00	24.50	27.69	9.50												
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	2.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.50	6.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	16.63	8.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/23/01 - 12/29/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	0	0	4,254	4,254
Georgia	0	0	840	840
Iowa	3,154	0	24,367	27,521
Michigan	0	0	2,393	2,393
Minnesota	750	810	2,976	4,536
Missouri	0	0	1,536	1,536
Nevada	0	0	360	360
New Hampshire	0	0	750	750
Ohio	0	0	810	810
Oregon	1,629	2,028	0	3,657
Pennsylvania	0	0	790	790
Texas	0	0	1,540	1,540
Utah	865	850	5,472	7,187
Wisconsin	0	0	639	639
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>46,727</b>	<b>56,813</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>46,727</b>	<b>56,813</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	82-85	74-77	50-53	23-26

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-66	49-53	47-52	39-42	25-29

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/31/01	12/26/01	01/01/01
PACIFIC COAST	189	237	126
LOS ANGELES	147	190	91

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
80.13	77.65	51.27	40.03

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
33-36	23-27	7-10

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 12/23/01-12/29/01

30-dozen cases 6,950

Receipts from the mainland: 12/16/01-12/22/01

30-dozen cases 6,241

**CORRECTION THERE WAS AN ERROR ON DECEMBER 31 EGG REPORT PAGE 3****NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/16/01 -12/22/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	0	816	2,703	3,519
Colorado	0	0	2,238	2,238
Georgia	0	0	840	840
Idaho	0	0	900	900
Indiana	0	0	840	840
Iowa	4,360	736	22,904	28,000
Michigan	0	0	804	804
Minnesota	0	1,680	8,189	9,869
Missouri	0	0	3,977	3,977
Nevada	0	0	540	540
New Hampshire	0	840	2,445	3,285
Ohio	0	0	3,596	3,596
Oregon	3,968	3,228	0	7,196
Utah	738	780	7,478	8,996
Washington	0	0	822	822
Wisconsin	180	0	750	930
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,246</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>56,323</b>	<b>72,833</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMI</b>	<b>9,246</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>56,323</b>	<b>72,833</b>

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